(c) by when such upgrading of airports would take place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) At Jaipur airport, the works of extension and resurfacing of runway, extension and resurfacing of existing apron and construction of Isolation Bay are in progress and are likely to be completed by April, 2003.

At Udaipur Airport Airports Authority of India (AAI) has plans to construct a new terminal building, a new apron, a new taxiway, car park area etc.

At Jodhpur airport, AAI has plans to extend civil apron and widen taxi track.

At Jaiselmer Airport, AAI has plans to construct a new enclave, a new terminal building, a new civil apron, a new link taxiways etc.

No scheduled flights operate through Kota and Bikaner Airports, and hence AAI has no plan to develop these airports. Remaining airports/ airstrips in Rajasthan do not belong to AAI.

Upgradation of Bagdogra Airport

623. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bagdogra Airport it the only airport in the region which caters to the needs of the people visiting Sikkim;

(b) whether it is also a fact that if this airport is brought to the International standard it would attract flights from adjoining countries like Bhutan, Nepal and Bangladesh as result of which flow of international tourists to this part of the country would enhance; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) Badgora Airport which provides air-connectivity for Sikkim, belongs to the Ministry of Defence, where Airports Authority of India (AAI) maintains a civil enclave. The Civil Enclave has a new terminal building with all modern passenger facilities, to cater 500 passengers at a time. Customs and Immigration

facilities are also available to handle limited International flights. A new approach road and car park area for 200 cars is likely to be completed shortly. No adjoining countries like Bhutan, Nepal and Bangladesh have requested for operating their flights to and from Bagdogra Airport.

Dumping Duty on Indian Steel

624. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "US may finalise dumping duty on Indian Steel" which appeared in the 'Nawstime' dated the 22nd May, 2002;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to protect the export market of the Indian steel which may be adversely affected by the imposition of countervailing duties by USA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) to (c) Government of India is aware of the Anti-dumping investigation initiated by the US authorities in October 2001 against imports of "certain cold-rolled carbon steel flat products" from various countries including India. On July 10th 2002 the US Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration (USDOC/ITA) issued its final affirmative determination, making no change to the dumping margins it had announced in May, 2002, i.e. the margins were maintained at 153.65% in respect imports of the subject product of India. Under WTO provisions the Anti-dumping investigation/measure is considered only when the exports are made at less than the normal value of the products and causes or threatens to cause material injury to an established domestic industry of the importing country. The response to the investigation has to be primarily by the exporters. The Government of the exporting country has little role to play. However, Government of India has been extending all possible help deemed necessary to the Indian exporters in all such cases.